GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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FM RADIO NETWORK
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalized a special package of programmes for the Doordarshan in the North-Eastern Region ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the time by which Doordarshan would be able to cover the entire area of North Eastern Region ;

(d) whether there is also any proposal to expand FM Radio Network in this region ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) :There are 105 and 14 existing transmitters, for relay of DD1 and DD2 services respectively, in the North-Eastern Region. For further expansion of TV coverage, 10 more transmitter projects are under implementation.

AIR has 10 FM transmitters functioning in the North-East As part of the expansion plan, 11 more FM projects are under implementation. A population coverage over 80% has already been achieved by Doordarshan in the North-East including start of a 24 hours North-East channel.